

REPORT OF THE AFFILIATIONS COMMITTEE, AS ADOPTED BY THE WILSON  
ORNITHOLOGICAL CLUB AT THE 1940 ANNUAL MEETING

The Wilson Ornithological Club, at its meeting in Louisville, Kentucky, in November, 1939, appointed a committee to examine into the desirability of closer affiliations between the various ornithological organizations. After some consideration, this committee offers the following statement of policy:

1. The proper type of affiliation between the Wilson Club and other ornithological societies seems highly desirable, in that it is capable of offering certain advantages to each of the organizations involved.

2. Since the Wilson Club has become national and international in its membership, there seems to be no good reason why affiliation should be limited to societies in any particular region. Should any society of the proper scope and membership wish to affiliate with the Wilson Club, your committee favors placing the matter before the Council for action.

3. Affiliated societies should in general be at least state or province-wide in membership, and should be active in ornithological work. It is suggested that the four strong and active state societies already affiliated with the Wilson Club, namely the Tennessee Ornithological Society, the Nebraska Ornithologists' Union, the Kentucky Ornithological Society, and the Iowa Ornithologists' Union, be taken as examples of the type of organization with which affiliation would be desirable.

4. Affiliation should be carried out only when there is practical unanimity among the members of the affected organizations as to the desirability of such a step.

5. It is not the intention or desire of the Wilson Club to infringe upon any other ornithological group. Therefore, although affiliation will not be refused any organization of the proper scope and membership, groups affiliated with other national or international ornithological societies will not be urged to affiliate with the Wilson Club.

6. No financial consideration on the part of either organization should be involved in affiliation.

7. *The Wilson Bulletin* will be glad to exchange with the publications of affiliated societies. In addition, *The Wilson Bulletin* will publish as a service to affiliated organizations brief notices of their meetings, programs, field trips, and other activities. It is hoped that the journals of affiliated societies will perform a like service for the Wilson Club.

8. *The Wilson Bulletin* will serve as a possible organ for publication of the results of studies going forward within the affiliated societies, where the scope of these studies is too great for publication in the journals of local organizations.

9. Where it may be desirable, the Wilson Club will welcome the meetings of affiliated societies in connection with its own annual meetings. Separate sessions may be held as desired, but joint programs of great interest will be possible through such an arrangement.

10. Your committee believes that affiliations along the lines outlined above will result in much good to each of the organizations involved, will strengthen each of the organizations without any loss of individual entity, and will help to present a more nearly united front of those persons in the United States and Canada who are vitally interested in ornithology in particular, and in the broad problems of conservation as well.

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